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Shaping our future together.

Community Feedback- Shaping our Future. Ongoing community involvement is essential to our future planning ... Shaping our future together.

Please... We want you to share your ideas, insight and feedback, Please help by completing our Survey!

With the likelihood of another end of life cycle of the Edna May Gold Mine, the Council are seeking feedback on what the future may hold for Westonia.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3JM8L5D>



ASPHALT WORKS

Asphalt works have been completed in several areas around the town which have finished off nicely access areas at the Complex, Fuel and EVC Charging Stations.



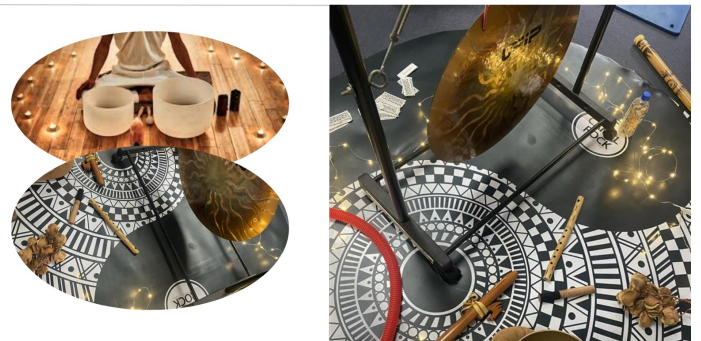
CONSTRUCTION CREW

The crew have completed gravel resheeting sections of Leeman & Begley Roads and will now be relocating to the south of the shire to complete works on South Walgoolan and McPharlin Roads.

The maintenance grader is undertaking drainage and batters work on Stoneman, Warralakin and Goldfields Roads.



THANKYOU TO RUTH FOR HOSTING AND EVERYONE THAT JOINED THE SOUNDHEALING SESSION SUNDAY, WAS VERY RELAXING AND UNQIUE AFTERNOON, KEEP EYES OUT FOR WORKSHOPS IN THE FURTURE



BLADDER AND BOWEL HEALTH TALK

Thankyou to everyone that attended the bladder and bowel seminer, Very educational session , If you require further information contact Liza Prinsloo by email lizeprinsloo69@gmail.com additional resources can be found in the health centre.



ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIVE ADDRESS 25TH APRIL 2024

Good morning. It has been 111 years since the start of World War 1. 109 years since this very day in Gallipoli. Please bear with me to listen to the statistics. Those statistics being our family, our friends, and the reason we are standing here today.

The Australian Expeditionary Forces was the first Australian military unit raised in August in 1914 for service overseas. The men chosen for this unit had to be physically fit, able to use a gun, and fearless. They were trained for a mere two weeks, and in September of 1914 were sent to German New Guinea to seize and destroy German wireless stations. Of the approximate force of 2000 men, recorded on the Honour Board in our Miners Hall, 161 members in the Australian Expeditionary Force were from Westonia. Many more Australian men and women volunteered in the British forces prior to Australia sending Australian forces overseas.

Before dawn on the 25th April 1915, the first soldiers of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the shores of the Gallipoli peninsula. The men were part of a British and French led invasion. The allies' mission was to destroy the Turkish guns that were preventing naval ships from reaching and bombarding the Turkish capital, Constantinople. If they succeeded, Turkey might be forced out of the war and Germany would lose an important ally.

Some 2000 Australians were killed or wounded on 25th April 1915. It was a day of confusion and fear. One soldier called it "a day of sorrow" as he remembered the dead and wounded. At Anzac cove the Australians were the first to land. The New Zealanders followed later in the day. They advanced about a mile in some cases, less in others, but they could go no further. For the next eight months, the campaign was a stalemate. In December, the Anzacs were evacuated. By then 8700 Australians and almost 2700 New Zealanders had been killed. They were some of at least 130,000 soldiers on both sides who lost their lives at Gallipoli.

In 1913 Australia had a population of 4 million people. 416,809 Australians fought in World War 1. 58,961 were killed, 166,811 were wounded, 4098 went missing in action or were prisoners of war, and 87,865 suffered some form of sickness. Our World War 1 Honour Board in our Miners Hall records the names of 208 enlisted personnel from Westonia with 15 recorded killed in action. Some who fought and came back home were struck down in 1919 with the Spanish flu epidemic. Many lie to rest in our cemetery.

In 1939 Australians were once again at war. From a population of 6,907,078, 750,000 personnel, men, and women, were conscripted or volunteered to fight. 35,000 Australian men and women were killed. 203 men from Westonia fought in WW2, with 7 individuals from Westonia recorded as killed in action.

Anzac Day has been one of the most important dates on the Australian calendar since 1916. At first, it gave people a chance to Honour the original Anzacs – the Australians and New Zealanders who fought on Gallipoli. Then it became a day for those who served in the first World War. With Australians experiencing the Second World War, and wars such as the Vietnam War, other conflicts, and peacekeeping operations that have followed, Anzac Day has become an occasion to honour all who have worn our country's uniform in service.

Today, we reflect on that service. We recognize more than a hundred thousand Australian service men and women who have lost their lives in military operations carried out in our country's name. We honour the values that have been invested in the original Anzacs – their loyalty, selflessness, courage – and the ways in which later generations such as all gathered here, have measured their own achievements against those of the soldiers who fought in Gallipoli.

LEST WE FORGET.



April 25th 2024, at 6:00AM Boodalin soak our Anzac Dawn Service was more than we ever expected. Over 50 people rugged up for the chilly morning thankful for the wind protection from the backdrop of rocks. There was a beautiful cloud formation and sunrise to remind us of our military fallen and injured. The sausage sizzle, hot drinks and friendly chatting was a perfect end to the service. Thanks to all those that attended and those that helped make the morning so special.

Happy Birthday



1st May: Glenda Cunningham

3rd May: Rebecca Barnett

4th May: Zeta Mather

6th May: Kerryn Townrow

7th May: Maree Le Moignan

12th May: Ian (Possum) Stevens

13th May: Ivan Paust

14th May: Jazmine Parker

16th May: Blake Parker

18th May: Walter Geier

19th May: Renae Corsini, Karin Love

22nd May: Ethan Glass

23rd May: Lewis Parker

24th May: Dave Junk

25th May: Ashley Geier

29th May: Keith Downsborough, Liz Richter

31st May: Belinda Mahon

WESTONIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

SUNDAY 26TH MAY
WESTONIA OLD MINERS HALL
10:00AM-1:00PM
\$5 ENTRY

EXPERT HEARING CARE

HEARING LOSS DOESNT JUST AFFECT SPEECH CLARITY AND IT DOESN'T JUST AFFECT US INDIVIDUALLY

Numerous aspects of our health are impacted by hearing loss, including balance, mental health and even an increased risk of dementia. Relationships are also impacted by the stress on communication and the change in roles and dependency.

Clare Collins has a degree in Speech and Hearing Science and has worked as the regional speech therapist in the Gascoyne, and late in Europe and the US with the Australian Cochlear Implant Company, COCHLEAR, she will be giving a free educational talk on Wednesday May 15th at 10AM at the Westonia Medical Centre on how hearing works and how to protect and preserve it.

For those who are interested, Clare can also offer free hearing screening following the talk.

Government of Western Australia
 North Metropolitan Health Service
 WA Cervical Cancer Prevention Program

NATIONAL
CERVICAL SCREENING
 PROGRAM
A Joint Australian, State and Territory Government Program

FREE WOMEN'S HEALTH WEBINAR

Join our guest speaker Renae to chat about the importance of cervical screening and the self-collection option.



Friday 31 May, 2pm-3pm
Held in the Westonia Health Centre
Afternoon Tea included
Please contact the Shire Office to RSVP



ARE YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE?

An updated Westonia Community Directory will be sent out with all rates notices this year. Please contact the Shire office to update, remove or add your phone numbers before the 30th of June 2024.

The directory is only issued biannually so it is important to make sure your details are up to date.

If you don't receive a rates notice, you will be able to collect a copy a copy from the Shire Office or the Community Co-op.



NURSE PRACTITIONER LAURA BLACK

Visit weekly on Tuesdays
Contact the Shire Office to book an appointment on 9046 7063



\$25 Service Fee



NEW \$10 no visit, script renewal fee



New patients need to bring their Medicare card

HISTORIC BURRACOPPIN PHOTOS WANTED

We are after some photos of Burracoppin and the surrounding area prior to 1969. the purpose of this is to eventually put together a picture book. When looking online, the only old pictures of the town are of the pub.

This project is non-profit and I will make copies available to those wanting them.

I simply want to capture some history of Burracoppin before it's all lost...

For more information contact,

Bob Hood-Penn

0407476585

hoodpenn@outlook.com

These beautiful Country recipe books have been compiled by Anne Marie Jensen for sale to raise funds for Improved Train Lighting and Solar Powered Crossing Lights.

There have been people killed due to lack of inability to see trains approaching crossings at night. Please support this important initiative by purchasing a recipe book for \$55.00

Please contact Kerry at the Westonia Shire to order



WESTONIA CRAFT GROUP

Our sewing group started with visitors joining us from Merredin on Monday 15 April. We made iphone pillows with an origami folded butterfly to attach, the latter testing our folding and hand sewing skills. To finish the morning we all enjoyed a hot chicken and salad lunch which was prepared by our Westonia Co-op.

Our latest session was making chemo hats for cancer patients (these to be donated to hospitals). Thanks to the ladies who attended and a special thank you to Sandra's friend, Georgina (from Victoria) who joined us. We all managed to get the twist in our hats right (took awhile) and were able to complete one hat each.

Next week everyone that comes will make a chemo hat before we start our project of the week, which will be a snappy pouch.

If anyone out there happens to have any scraps of stretch knit fabric that they no longer require and could donate it to the sewing room for our chemo hats we would very much appreciate it.

We had a visit from Joan Hux, nice to see you Joan – gophers do fit & with turning room, what a manouver Joan!

Chemo Caps



JOIN US FOR A

Mother's Day MORNING TEA

Come celebrate Mother's Day with us to honor the most important woman in our lives!

Bring a plate to share

FRIDAY! 10 MAY | 10:00AM

WESTONIA MEDICAL CENTRE

WESTONIA CAR BOOT SALE

HOW MUCH STUFF DO YOU HAVE HANGING AROUND YOUR PLACE THAT NEEDS TO BE GONE? BRING IT TO OUR CAR BOOT SALE AND...

24:00PM
A OVAL

00 PER STALL
NEED TO BE BOOKED BY THE 1ST OF MAY

Help us Fundraise for the Westonia Warm Water Recreation Pool

CONTACT KERRY HERMON FOR BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION
9046 7063
WELLBEING@WESTONIA.WA.GOV.AU

CANCELLED

WESTONIA SPORT AND RECREATION NEWS

Barnett Closing Day and Presentation Night

Westonia Bowling Club

The AGM for the Westonia Bowling Club was held prior to the Presentation Night and Barnett closing competition. All positions were filled. Congratulations to all elected members.



The presentation for this year's champions was then delivered by the President Mark (Drake) Crees. Unfortunately, our numbers had decreased by this time of the afternoon and only the stayers remained to enjoy the rest of the night.

26 players took to the green on Sunday 21st April for the Barnett closing day. We had 6 teams of triples and 2 teams of four compete with lots of banter and sledging they played two games of eight ends to finally have the team of Steve Lunn, Keith Downsborough and Joclyn Antonio coming out in front with two wins. The team of Bill Price, Bounder Johnston and Lesley Downsborough fended off some close rivals for second place. A sincere thank you to our sponsor for the Day, Ada Barnett.



Congratulations to all winners. Men's Singles Champion: Bob Lockyer. Bob was also the League winner of the singles Champ of Champions. Ladies Singles Champion: Lesley Downsborough. Men's Pairs Champions: Aaron Smith and Kevin Adriaens. Ladies Pairs Champions Lesley Downsborough and Helen Barnett. Men's fours champions: Stephen Lunn, Graham Jones, Dave Hamilton, Arthur Mather. Ladies Fours Champions: Kylie Gibson, Heather Lockyer, Kerryn Townrow, Lesley Pascoe.



The MVP for men's Pennants Jason Guerini was awarded the Allan Barnett Shield. The MVP for the Ladies Pennants was tied. The winners receiving the Shirley Simmonds Shield were Heather Lockyer and Diane Jones.

WESTONIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

You are invited to our Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Let's get together and enjoy a cuppa so we can support those impacted by cancer.

- Host** Liz Richter
- Where** Westonia Old Miners Hall
- Date** Sunday 26th May 2024
- Time** 10:00AM - 1:00PM
- Details** \$5 Entry
Raffles, Money Boards and Wood Raffle

Phone 0419 199 716

All donations and sponsorship is appreciated
This years awareness is Childrens Cancers



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Westonia Co-Op & Cafe & Post Office



**Fresh Fruit &
Vegetables
available Friday**

**Bread Available
Monday,
Wednesday &
Friday**

**DROP IN AND BROWSE OUR SELECTION OR
PLACE AN ORDER 90467222**

**Cafe Open Monday to
Friday 9:30am to 2pm**

**Hot chips, Burgers,
Seafood, Fish & Chips,
Meat & Salad Bowls**
Order ahead : 90467222

**Come in and check
out our Specials
If we don't have
what you want
please ask & we
will order it for
you**

**Cooked Chooks Monday,
Wednesday & Friday**





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NUNGARIN

Wheatbelt Markets

Sunday 5th May 2024

8am to 12noon

The Markets are on again on Sunday 5th May.
Lots of stalls in the Main street and in the Hall.

Mother's Day Raffle. Multiple prizes.

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Drawn 11.30am.

Sausage Sizzle. Enjoy a yummy bacon & egg burger or a sausage in a bun for breakfast.



Check out our Op Shop which is full to bursting.
We are constantly being given donations from our generous community.

There is a FREE table out the front - help yourself.

Light lunches available from the Café in the Hall.

Call 90465174 or email

nungarinwheatbeltmarkets@gmail.com to book a stall.

Something for everyone at the Nungarin Wheatbelt Markets!!!



The WA Student Assistance Payment

Helping you get the things you need for your kids.

\$150

For each Kindergarten and primary school student

\$250

For each secondary school student

If you have kids enrolled in school you can claim the WA Student Assistance Payment.

Claim now

You can submit a claim:

- on the ServiceWA app on your mobile phone
- online
- by filling out and posting in a paper form
- asking for help at your school.

Go to education.wa.edu.au/wasap for more information.

You will need:

1. The 8-digit WA student number (WASN) for each student.

You'll find it on:

- school reports
- previous NAPLAN results
- secondary student's SmartRider

If you have trouble locating the number, contact your school for help.

2. Details of each student you are claiming for:

- name at time of enrolment
- date of birth
- school name
- year level.

3. The details of your bank account where the payment will be deposited.

Submit your claim between Monday 15 April and Friday 28 June 2024.

For more information about the WA Student Assistance Payment eligibility and how to claim, go to education.wa.edu.au/wasap

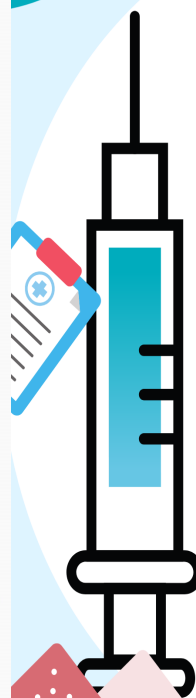


Get a Flu Shot

BECAUSE FLU SEASON IS COMING

Free Flu Vaccination for all ages from the 1st of May until the 30th of June.

Contact the Shire Office on 9046 7063 to make an appointment with Nurse Practitioner Laura Black



May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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12	13	14 	15 Expert Hearing Care. 10AM at the Medical Centre	16 Council Meeting Hydro Pool - Bus leaves Med Centre at 9:15AM	17	18
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